

What types of licensed resource homes are available? There are three types of licenses available to resource parents:

- **Standard Foster Care Home License,** This type of license is issued to resource parents who care for children without special medical, developmental, mental or emotional concerns. It requires 20 hours of Pre-Service training, and First Aid, CPR and Universal Precautions training. After receiving this type of license, resource parents are required to attend 10 hours of In-Service training each year to maintain their license.
- **Special Needs Foster Care Home License,** This type of license is issued to resource parents who provide care for children with mental, physical or emotional disabilities or for children who require special help in managing their behavior, carrying on their daily activities or taking care of medical problems. It requires 20 hours of Pre-Service training, as well as First Aid, CPR and Universal Precautions training. To maintain a Special Needs Foster Care Home License, resource parents are required to attend 20 hours of In-Service training each year, half of which are specialized training to meet the specific needs of the children for whom they parent.
- **Therapeutic Foster Care Home License,** This type of license is issued to resource parents who provide care to seriously emotionally disturbed or developmentally disabled children, with the help of qualified staff members from public child welfare, mental health agencies or their private contractors. It requires 30 hours of Pre-Service training, including 20 hours of standard training and 10 hours of therapeutic foster care training, as well as First Aid, CPR and Universal Precautions training. To maintain a therapeutic care license, resource parents must complete a minimum of 20 hours of In-Service training each year, half of which must be related to therapeutic foster care.